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OF DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION ON 2ND CYCLE OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS
1977-1981 -- NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

REF: STATE 26061

1. ON FEBURARY 3, THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL ADOPTED ITS
DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5 WHICH, IN PARAGRAPH 11, INCLUDES
ONE SENTENCE PERTAINING TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
(WE ARE TRANSMITTING THE FULL TEXT OF THE DECISION SEPARATELY.)

2. JUST BEFORE CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF THE DOCUMENT, MYERSON
DELIVERED THE US STATEMENT IN REFTEL. IN THE SECOND
PARAGRAPH WE CHANGED WORD "INSISTENCE" TO "STRONG REQUEST".
THE FRENCH REP WAS THE ONLY OTHER GOVERNING COUNCIL
MEMBER TO SPEAK SUBSTANTIVELY ON THIS POINT. FOLLOWING
ADOPTION OF THE DECISION, HE MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT
EMPHASIZING THAT NOTHING IN IT CHANGES THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY ON NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, IN
PARTICULAR ONE WHICH IS ACTIVE IN FRENCH SOMALILAND.

3. IN A GENERAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM -- PRIMARILY
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ADDRESSED TO OTHER SUBJECTS -- THE EGYPTIAN OBSERVER

EXPRESSED HIS "APPRECIATION" FOR PARAGRAPH 11.

4. AS BACKGROUND TO THE FOREGOING, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT HOSNY, THE EGYPTIAN OBSERVER DELEGATE FOR THIS GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION, WAS UNTIRING IN HIS EFFORTS TO INCLUDE THE SENTENCE DEALING WITH NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ORDER TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR POSSIBLE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO THE PLO AT SOME STAGE DURING THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMMING CYCLE AND, UNDOUBTEDLY, AS PART OF THE GENERAL EFFORT TO GAIN STATUS AND RECOGNITION FOR THE PLO IN UN BODIES. WHILE THE EGYPTIAN TOOK THE LEAD, HE CONSULTED WITH KUWAIT, TUNISIA, IRAN, PAKISTAN AND OTHER MOSLEM COUNTRIES INFORMALLY THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. WE DID OUR BEST TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, THE TWO OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS MOST INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING THIS SUBJECT. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE SUCCEEDED IN TONING DOWN THE TEXT OF PARA 11. IN PARTICULAR, WE CHANGED THE PHRASE "SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN" TO "DUE ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN". WE ALSO GOT THE WORD "RELEVANT" IN BEFORE THE REFERENCE TO GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISIONS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION WE PLACED ON THE RECORD AND THE FACT THAT THE US STATEMENT WAS UNCHALLENGED, WE CONSIDER THAT THE OUTCOME IS SATISFACTORY AND THAT US INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED. OUR STATEMENT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE SUMMARY RECORD. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CAN EXPECT THE ARABS TO RETURN TO THE CHARGE AT THE NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL. THE YEMEN REPRESENTATIVE EXPLICITLY MENTIONED THE PLO ON JANUARY 30 IN THE PLENARY DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE JUNE SESSION.
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